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Rockingham, N. C.

Methodist Conference

The North Carolina Methodist Conference closed its session at Greenville Tuesday, to meet next year at Goldsboro. The appointments made by Bishop Candler for the year show few changes. The people of the town are much pleased that Presiding Elder J. H. Hall is returned in the same capacity, and Rev. G. F. Smith as pastor.

The appointments for the Rockingham district are:

- Presiding Elder—J. H. Hall.
 - Aberdeen—G. M. Daniel.
 - Biscoe—A. S. Parker.
 - Caledonia—J. B. Thompson.
 - Elizabeth ct.—W. B. Humble.
 - Ellerbe ct.—G. H. Biggs.
 - Laurel Hill—G. T. Simmons.
 - D. A. Wadkins, supernumerary.
 - Hamlet—J. H. Buffalo.
 - Laurinburg—E. H. Davis.
 - Lumberton—R. C. Beaman.
 - Lumberton ct.—R. A. Bruton.
 - Maxton—A. L. Ormand.
 - Montgomery ct.—S. H. Hardes-ty, Jr.
 - Mount Gilead—N. C. Yearby.
 - Mount Gilead ct.—W. F. Tray-wick.
 - Raeford—B. P. Robinson.
 - Red Springs—A. J. Parker.
 - Richmond ct.—supplied by B. F. Watson.
 - Roberdel—E. L. Hill.
 - Robeson ct.—J. T. Draper.
 - Rockingham—G. F. Smith.
 - Rowland—A. J. Groues; W. H. Townsend, supernumerary.
 - St. John and Gibson—W. H. Brown.
 - St. Paul—C. R. Ross.
 - Troy—J. P. Bross.
 - Vass—J. M. Benson.
- (D. H. Tuttle, formerly at Ham-let, goes to Washington, N. C., and F. M. Shamburger to Weldon)

Mr. Trott To High Point.

Rev. Mr. Trott, rector of the Church of the Messiah here, has as has been mentioned in the Rockingham paper before, accepted the rectorship of St. Mary's church, High Point. He will fill his appointment here the 3rd Sunday and again on Christmas Day, this latter service to terminate his ministerial work in the town.

The following in reference to Mr. Trott is clipped from the Monroe Journal:

"The old town won't be the same without 'Parson' Trott, who has accepted a call from the High Point Episcopal church. His cheery greeting, his firm handshake, will be missed by high and low, black and white alike. Having a kind word for everybody, Rev. Mr. Trott has earned a place for himself in the heart of the community, and there is universal regret that he has considered it best to leave for a larger field. The best wishes of the people of Monroe go with him to High Point, and here's hoping that the citizens of that town will soon learn to admire and love him for his good comradeship as we do here."

North Carolina Day.

North Carolina Day will be observed in the schools of the county tomorrow (Friday, 14th.) Interesting programs have been arranged with "Patriotism" as the key-note.

The Rockingham City Schools will have the following program Friday at eleven, lasting about an hour, and the people are not only invited, but URGED to attend:

- Song, "Flag of our Nation Great."
- Four little soldier boys: Billy Hinson, Jerome Hamer, Billy Odum, Leeman Ormsby.
- Flag Exercise by Grade 1.
- Acrostic, "Patriotism," by ten 3rd Grade pupils.
- Song, "Hail, Columbia."
- Flag Drill, 20 1st Grade boys & girls.
- Recitation, "Song to our Flag," Eleanor Williams.
- Tableau, "Liberty and Her Allies," 13 4th Grade girls.
- Recitation, "Our Flag," Minnie Baldwin
- Song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."
- Recitation, "Tribute to Old Glory," Jim Bell.
- Play, "Writing the Star Spangled Banner," 5 6th Grade boys.
- Recitation, "We're Coming," Lillian Hasty.
- Song, "I Love Thee, Carolina," High School Quartette.
- Declamation by Tom Marks.
- "What is Patriotism?" by Zackary Long
- Declamation, "Makers of the Flag," by Leak Pegues.
- Speech on "War Savings Certificates," by Leake S. Covington.
- Song, "Star Spangled Banner."
- FLAG SALUTE.
- Reading names representing Stars on Service Flag.

TAKEN AT HER WORD.

He had just proposed. Secretly, she was very much elated, and intended to say "Yes" eventually. But she thought she would have a little amusement by keeping him in suspense for a few minutes.

So she said, in a sad voice: "I'm afraid I can be nothing but a sister to you."
"Well, that's all right," he said gayly. "I thought that, since I have been going with you for a year now, it was only fair that I should give you an opportunity to marry me if you cared to. But since you don't, I might as well confess that I'd rather be a brother than a husband myself."

Dickie the Diplomat.
They had been married two days. "Dickie, dear, which would you rather lose, me or my money?" said the girl.

"You, dearest."
"Oh, Dickie!"
"But I would. Because, you see, dear, if I lost you, I would have the money to offer a large reward to get you back again."
"You darling boy!"

ENJOYABLE



"Did you have a good time at the banquet?"

"Great. We had a good story-teller at our table, and so we didn't have to listen to any of the speeches."

Discontent.
Every wish unsatisfied
Leaves human nature sore,
Every wish that's gratified
Gives rise to several more.

The Right Word.
Barney Bernard is telling a story of two Hebrew partners in business, who were always fighting with each other. One day they decided to put in a new store front, so they hung up a sign reading:
"Business going on during altercations."

The Difference.
"Henry!" she whispered, as though fearful of the worst, "do you love me less than you did a fortnight ago, when you brought me some flow'ers or sweets every night?"
"No, Evelina, no," he answered; "but pay day is yet a week off, and I generally get broke about the middle of the month."

An Expert Speaks.
"What are your qualifications?"
"I'm an expert egg cook."
"How absurd! Why, anybody can cook eggs?"
"No, indeed, mum. You're making a mistake that been's the cause of a lot of unhappiness in this world."

The Explainer.
"Your friend is always explaining something."
"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "There's just one thing he never can explain, and that is why he has to put in so much time making explanations."

IN OUR BOARDING HOUSE



"Why do the Justvedts talk so much about going to housekeeping? If they want to go, why don't they go?"

"It's a scheme to scare the land-lady. Notice how they now get the best sections of the chicken!"

A Waiting Game.
Success comes slow to young M. D.'s
Who yearn for living good and fat;
They gain their titles by degrees
And must have patients after that.

Ruined That.
"He makes a success of everything he touches."
"That so! He didn't seem to improve the fresh paint on our wood-work any."

On His Dignity.
"What's you say, ol' man, if your wife asks if you've been drinkin'?"
"I shal' treat the quashin' with (sic) dignified silence!"

She Beat the Detectives

By RICHARD MARKELY

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Alec Winfield had been married and was on his wedding tour with his bride. The couple were at dinner at a hotel in Albany when a policeman entered the dining-room and arrested Winfield. Mrs. Winfield was much agitated, but her husband assured her that a mistake had been made and he would easily prove his innocence of any charge that might be brought against him.

Winfield was taken before a judge, who asked him many questions, one of which turned out to be of importance to the prisoner. It was, What was his business? Winfield said that he was a patent lawyer, and had his office in a certain building in Buffalo. Whereupon the judge made out papers enabling the police to send him to New York, where the accusation against him had been made.

Winfield had been charged with having obtained money under false pretenses—that he would give checks just before a holiday, on a bank in a different city, forging the name of some depositor of the bank.

Winfield's arrest had occurred in this wise: The scoundrel had been in Albany on the third of July and had perpetrated his usual swindles there, pretending to hail from Buffalo, where he had an office for securing patents and stating that he was stopping while in Albany at the same hotel as Winfield. The latter being the only recent arrival registered from Buffalo, the police arrested him on suspicion. His story of his business and residence confirmed the charge.

Winfield was taken to New York, where he was identified by certain persons as the man who had given forged checks signed William Spangler. He began now to be much troubled. The identification of these persons was a very serious matter. Evidently the forger must resemble him. However, he had no difficulty in procuring bail, and went home to his bride.

Fortunately, Winfield was a man of means and he employed the best detectives he could find to get on the track of Spangler. The detective went to Buffalo and made inquiries at the building in which Winfield had his office for a man who resembled the patent lawyer. He did not succeed in getting a trace of any such person. He also visited persons whom Spangler had operated upon in different cities, but met with no success in getting on the track of the real swindler. He had Winfield's likeness with him, which he showed the swindled parties, some of them identifying Winfield by it as the person who had passed the forged checks.

Winfield was spending a good deal of money to clear himself of the charge against him; his trial was coming on, and the matter looked very serious. His wife bore up well under the strain and took considerable interest in the efforts to find Spangler. But it was evident to her as well as the others that they were as far off the track as when they began the search.

The day before the trial was to come off she took up the photograph her husband had given the detective and which had been pronounced a likeness of the swindler. While looking at it she noticed that one foot, being in an advanced position, appeared very large.

"Alec," she said to her husband, "anyone looking at this photograph would think that you have an enormous foot."

Winfield was noted for having a very small and remarkably narrow foot.

"That's because of the position. I was sitting with my legs crossed and that foot was nearer the camera than the rest of me. Consequently it was taken on a larger scale."

Mrs. Winfield made no reply. She was still intent on the photograph.

"A penny for your thoughts, dear," said her husband.

"I was thinking that maybe the swindler didn't have your narrow foot. Did he buy any shoes with a forged check?"

Winfield ran to his wife and gave her a bear hug.

"Sweetheart," he exclaimed, "you've beaten the detectives and all the rest of us. One of the swindler's victims is a New York shoemaker. We can get the size of his foot from this party."

The next day at the trial Arthur Packard, a clerk in an expensive shoe store, was called as a witness. He identified Winfield as the man to whom he had sold several pairs of shoes and had received a check amounting to thirty-two dollars, on a bank in Chicago. The transaction occurred on the day before Labor day.

"Do you remember," asked Winfield's attorney, "the size of the shoes you sold the defendant?"

"I don't remember the size, but I do remember that it was a very large size."

"Broad or narrow?"

"Very broad. I had difficulty in getting shoes broad enough for him."

"That'll do. Mr. Winfield, put your foot upon that chair so that the jury can see it."

Winfield put his foot on the chair, displaying his 6 1/2-A shoe.

It is needless to say that the accused was acquitted without the jury leaving their seats. He took his wife in his arms, saying:

"I owe my vindication to you."